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Group Art Unit: 1765

Application No.: 09/386,745

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Title: Windowless Belt And Method For
Improving In-Situ Wafer Monitoring

Examiner: V. Perez Ramos

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, pursuant and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §111, and in light of the remarks, which follow, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 24-41 are pending in the application, and under consideration as claims 8-23 have been withdrawn from consideration. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide the undersigned with a copy of the Restriction Requirement and the reply thereto.

Turning to the Official Action, claims 1-7 and 24-41 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. This rejection is believed to be obviated by the attached Terminal Disclaimer. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is in order and it is respectfully requested.

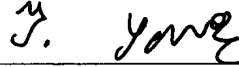
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his/her earliest convenience. Additionally, please charge the required fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No.

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16-2440. If this amount is insufficient, please charge the remainder due to the above Deposit Account.

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